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1. CHINA

ALL PAPERS HIGHLIGHT PHOTOS OF NIXON IN PEKING -- NYT FRONTPAGES UPI PHOTOS OF FORMER PRES, HUA KUO-FENG RAISING GLASSES AT BANQUET SUNDAY; ALSO, PAT NIXON TOURING CHILDREN'S PALACE. UPI PICS OF NIXON LIFTING GLASS IN TOAST CARRIED INSIDE NYDN, CHITRI0; UPI PHOTO OF NIXON VISITING CHOU EN-LAI WIDOW CARRIED INSIDE SUN, NYT).

AT SUNDAY BANQUET, NIXON TOLD CHINESE HOSTS THAT WORLD'S FUTURE SECURITY DEPENDS UPON 'RELIABILITY AND CAPABILITY' OF US, PRC TO WORK TOGETHER FOR PEACE. SPEAKING WITHOUT PREPARED TEXT AFTER HUA DELIVERED UNCLASSIFIED

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TOAST PRAISING FORMER PRES' 'COURAGEOUS ACTION' IN VISITING PEKING IN 1972, NIXON NOTED FORD HAS STRONGLY REAFFIRMED SUPPORT FOR SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE; ALSO ALLUDED TO CHOU'S DEATH, HIS OWN DEPARTURE FROM POWER. HUA

PLEDGED PEKING'S CONTINUED ADHERENCE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE,
AND WITHOUT MENTIONING SOVTET, IDENTIFIED RUSSIANS
AS NOW 'MAIN SOURCE OF WAR' (UPI, NYDN).

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REUTER (NYT) CITES NIXON'S STATEMENT IN TOAST THAT SOME
PEOPLE NAIVELY BELIEVE MERE ACT SIGNING STATEMENT OF
PRINCIPLES' WILL BRING INSTANT AND LASTING PEACE.' SAYS
REMARK TAKEN BY OBSERVERS AS ALLUSION TO HELSINKI PACT,
AND SOME INTERPRETED IT AS VEILED CRITICISM OF FORD/HAK
FOR THEIR TRUST IN SOVIET AND HELSINKI ACCORD. TENG
HSIAO-PING MISSING FROM NIXON BANQUET (SN). HUA
ACKNOWLEDGED AT NIXON BANQUET FOR FIRST TIME THAT PEKING
HIERARCHY GOING THROUGH NEW INTERNAL CONFLICT IN SUCH
CIRCLES AS EDUCATION, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY (AP, PHINQ;
CHITRIB).

SUNDAY PAPERS FEATURED PHOTOS OF NIXONS WELCOMED AT
PEKING AIRPORT BY CHIAO KUAN-HUA, YAP LIEN-WEI (UPI
WP); ALSO NIXON CHATTING WITH HUA AT GUEST HOUSE
(UPI WP, NYT, WSTAR). UPT NOTED AIRPORT WELCOME WAS
SHORT, INFORMAL; ONLY HANDFUL CHINESE OFFICIALS, ABOUT
350 SELECTED ORDINARY CITIZENS, ON HAND -- AMONG THEM,
50 SCIENTISTS, JOURNALISTS, ATHLETES, DOCTORS, TRADE REPS
WHO HAVE VISITED US SINCE 1972 NIXON PRC TRIP (WSTAR
2/22). SATURDAY NYT FRONTPAGED UPI PHOTO OF HAN HSU
WITH NIXONS AT PAN AM RAMP BEFORE LA LIFTOFF.

NIXON HAD HOUR-40-MINUTE MEETING WITH MAO MONDAY ON
WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS, ACCORDING PRC OFFICIALS, WHO
DESCRIBED IT AS 'FRIENDLY CONVERSATION.' SAID AT END
OF TALK, CHAIRMAN ASKED NIXON CONVEY REGARDS TO FORD.
REUTER (PEKING) SAID MEETING 'AS SIGN OF ESTEEM PEKING
HOLDS FOR FORMER PRES.

IN BRASILIA NEWS CONFERENCE SATURDAY, HAK SAID NIXON
WILL BRIEF ADMIN OFFICIALS ON PRC TRIP WHEN HE RETURNS.
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ADDED, IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, THAT ALTHOUGH USG
DID NOT INITIATE NIXON JOURNEY, IT FAVORS 'ANY ACT THAT
STRESSES THE SIGNIFICANCE EITHER SIDE ATTACHES TO THE
RELATIONSHIP' BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. SAID, 'WE
'ILL, OF COURSE, WISH TO LEARN ABOUT THE NATURE AND THE
RESULT' OF NIXON VISIT, BUT WHEN-AND-WHERE OF DEBRIEFING
WILL BE DECIDED WHEN NIXON RETURNS; AND HAK FAILED
INDICATE WHO WILL BE BRIEFED BY NIXON (AP, PHINQ; UPI,
NYT 2/22; SUN 2/22; WP 2/22). SUN ARTICLE ADDS THAT

'OBVIOUS POSSIBILITY' IS DEBRIEFING BY HAK AT SAN
CLEMENTE (2/22).

UPI (NYT 2/22) RECALLS W' EARLIER INDICATED NIXON WOULD NOT BE REPORTING ON HIS TRIP. WP FOREIGN SERVICE ITEM (2/22) FOUND HAK STATEMENT ABOUT-FACE' FROM EARLIER DOS STATEMENT THAT NIXON PROBABLY WOULD NOT BE ASKED ABOUT IT. UPI (NYT) REPORTS H DEPUTY PRESS SECRETARY CARLSON SAYING SUNDAY THAT PRES HAS -NO PLANS' BEING BRIEFED BY NIXON ON RETURN FROM PRC. SAYS CARLSON INDICATED HAK APPARENTLY SPEAKING ON HIS OWN IN BRASILIA; CARLSON ADDED ADMIN WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANYONE WHO VISITS COMMUNIST COUNTRY, "ONLY QUESTION BEING WHO TALKS TO HIM."

PEOPLE'S DAILY DISCLOSES STUDENTS FROM TWO PEKING UNIVERSITIES HAVE BEEN SENT TO WORKERS' UNIVERSITY IN SHANGHAI. IS FIRST REPORT OF TRAVELING STUDENT GROUPS SINCE PRESENT 'CAPITALIST ROADERS' POSTER CAMPAIGN AGAINST TENG BEGAN (WP 2/22).

UNIVERSITY OFFICIAL WEN CHENG, INVOLVED IN PEKING CRITICISM CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY, TELLS FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS IT WILL NOT EVOLVE INTO ANOTHER GPCR IN NEAR FUTURE; SAYS CAMPAIGN CONFINED MAINLY TO UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES. HK SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST REPORTS TENG STILL AT WORK IN OFFICE, ACCORDING "RELIABLE SOURCE" (WP 2/21).

NYT CARRIES RFKENNEDY THEATER AD OF CHINESE FILM FESTIVAL 2/24-3/4, SHOWING NEW PICTURES FROM PRC, MANY FOR FIRST TIME.
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FOR FIRST TIME, BUSINESSMAN HAS BEEN BROUGHT DIRECTLY INTO TOP RANKS OF GROC. RICHARD C'I, 36, ALSO BELIEVED YOUNGEST MAN NAMED TAIPEI HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIAL, APPOINTED TO DIRECT FINANCE MINISTRY MONETARY DEPT; MOVE APPEARS HERALD CHANGES IN COUNTRY'S FISCAL OPERATIONS (NYT SPECIAL).

2. JAPAN

DURING BREAKFAST WITH PRESS FRIDAY, SEN CHURCH PROMISED COOPERATE WITH INVESTIGATIONS LOCKHEED IN JAPAN, HOLLAND, ITALY; SAID UNDERSTOOD LOCKHEED HAS NAMES OFFICIALS ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED (UPI, NYT 2/21).

US DISTRICT JUDGE FLANNERY (DC) SATURDAY ORDERED BOEING SUBMIT ALL OVERSEAS SALES DOCUMENTS TO SEC, UNDER

GUIDELINES SIMILAR THOSE IMPOSED AGENCY ACCESS LOCKHEED RECORDS. BOEING DENIED ANY ILLEGAL PAYMENTS, SOUGHT RESTRICT DISCLOSURE 'PROPRIETARY, COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION.'" BOEING EXECs ALSO CITED FEARS INFO ABOUT POSSIBLE IMPROPER PAYMENTS MIGHT BE LEAKED

TO PRESS (AP, NYT 2/21; JONES, WSTAR 2/21; REUTER, SUN 2/21).

JOC (TOKYO) CITES SPOKESMAN WHO SAID FRIDAY ANA WILL TAKE DELIVERY TWO TRISTARS MARCH, JUNE, TWO MORE 1977; MAY CANCEL OPTION BUY THREE MORE IF SCANDAL PROVES DAMAGED LOCKHEED IMAGE 'TOO SERIOUSLY,' AND BUY BOEING 747SF, INSTEAD (ALSO 'P).

MINDEF SAKATA SATURDAY DENIED 1972 GOJ DECISION AGAINST DOMESTIC DEVELOPMENT ASW PLANE CONNECTED ALLEGED ORIBES BY LOCKHEED. SAID, UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, 'WAS NATURAL' PM TANAKA MADE SUC' DECISION (AP, WSTAR 2/22).

LAT'S JAMESON (LAT 2/20) NOTES MIKI DEVOTED FULL HOUR-LONG TV PRESS CONFERENCE THURSDAY TO LOCKHEED SCANDAL. PM 'APPRECIATED' SECSTATE OPPOSITION DISCLOSURE NAMES AS 'GESTURE OF GOOD 'ILL,' NOTED HAK UNCLASSIFIED

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MUST THINK OF OTHER COUNTRIES WELL AS JAPAN. ADDED WOULD BE BAD FOR US-JAPAN RELATIONS IF DOUBTS NOT DISPELLED BY DISCLOSURE TRUTH. SAID DOES NOT WISH OLAME US ABOUT LOCKHEED, BECAUSE JAPAN ALSO HAS MANY MULTINATL CORPS, OVER WHICH CONTROLS MUST BE STRENGTHENED. STATED JAPAN WOULD COOPERATE CURRENT OECD EFFORT DRAFT CODE COMMON RULES FOR MNC'S. SAID INSTRUCTED AMB TOGO 'NOT ONLY REITERATE PREVIOUS REQUESTS' TO US FOR ALL AVAILABLE DATA, BUT ALSO MAKE CLEAR JAPAN WANTS NAMES RELEASED OF HIGH GOVT OFFICIALS ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED.

SEIDEN (SUN 2/21) NOTES TAX AGENCY INVESTIGATING KODAMA RETURNS, BUT LESS THAN MONTH REMAINS BEFORE THREE-YEAR STATUTE LIMITATIONS EXPIRES MAR 15. SAYS PROCURATOR OFFICE REFUSED COMMENT PRESS REPORTS GOT WARRENT SEARCH KODAMA HOME. NOTES DIET ACTION ON BUDGET STALLED BY OPPOSITION DEMANDS FOR MORE LOCKHEED HEARINGS, BUT ALL PARTIES AGREED FRIDAY FORMALLY PETITION USG, CONGRESS DISCLOSE NAMES GOJ OFFICIALS ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED. ADDS MIYAZAWA SAID FRIDAY "ALL THE DATA AND INFORMATION" MIGHT NOT BE MADE PUBLIC. APPARENT CONTRADICTION WITH EARLIER DISCLOSURE PLEDGE BY MIKI RESOLVED BY CAB SPOKESMAN WHO SAID GOJ AGREED DISCLOSE NAMES 'IN

PRINCIPLE" WITH QUALIFICATION 'MIGHT TAKE SOME TIME.'

CSM CITES YOMIURI REPORT PRC INFORMED IMPORTERS WOULD CUT FE0 CRUDE OIL SHIPMENTS JAPAN FROM AGREED AMOUNT 450,000 TONS, TO 250,000 TONS, DUE "LACK OF OIL IN CHINA.'

JAPAN ELECTRONIC INDUSTRIES ASSN FRIDAY SAID 1975

COLOR TV EXPORTS SET RECORD, UP 20 PCT TO 2.76 MILLION SETS; DUE MAINLY RISING DEMAND US, CANADA, AUSTRALIA (UPI, JOC).

SONY'S MORITA TOLD NY STOCK ANALYSTS LAST WEEK US CONSUMER MARKET PICKING UP BUT CONSUMER PSYCHOLOGY "STAGNANT" JAPAN. SAID JAPAN WILL RECOVER SLOWLY, ABOUT SIX MONTHS BEHIND US (JOC).

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WSJ NOTES RECESSION 'UNMISTAKENLY ENDED' JAPAN, BUT FIRMS CAUTIONS STILL 'HIGHLY CAUTIOUS' ABOUT PROSPECTS, HOLD BACK ON HIRING NEW EMPLOYEES.

3. INDOCHINA

REMAINS LAST 2 SERVICEMEN WHO DIED VN WAR PICKED UP AT SAIGON, FLOWN OUT SUNDAY BY AIDES SEN KENNEDY (WSJ) WHO CALL REPATRIATION "IMPORTANT GESTURE" BY NVN, SVN THAT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO NORMALIZATION RELS. BODIES ARRIVE THAILAND FOR IDENTIFICATION (AP SUN, CHITRIB). AIDES SAY DISCUSSIONS IN SAIGON RESTRICTED REPATRIATION REMAINS, NO TALKS ON MIAS. BODIES BROUGHT OUT ON AIR FRANCE PLANE CHARTERED BY UNHCR. SOME OBSERVERS BELIEVE THIS MIGHT BE LAST HELP US GETS ON MIAS WITHOUT ECON ASSISTANCE TO VN (AP, SUN).

ANDELMAN (NYT) AT BANGKOK DESCRIBES ARRIVAL BODIES, GIVES BACKGROUND ON CASE, AS DOES SIMONS (WP, ABRIDGED IN PHINQ), WHO QUOTES KENNEDY AIDE THAT GOODWILL GESTURES PILING UP, MUST BE SOME RESPONSE BY US AT SOME TIME.

WP'S OBERDORFER (2/22) REPORTS VN LEADERS APPROACH MAJOR COMPANIES, INCLUDING GLOBAL MARINE, IN EFFORT RESUME OIL EXPLORATION IN S. CHINA SEA. NOTES DOS GAVE COMPANIES GREEN LIGHT ON DISCUSSIONS, BUT ACTUAL AGREEMENTS STILL BARRED BY US EMBARGO. MISSION FROM MITI AND MAJOR JAPANESE OIL FIRM INVITED TO VN FOR DISCUSSIONS ON EXPLORATION. POINTS OUT HIRC VOTED LIFT EMBARGO. SAYS KEY QUESTION FOR FIRMS IS TERMS UNDER WHICH VN WILLING RESUME EXPLORATION.

MALCOLM (NYT 2/22) AT TOKYO QUOTES RETURNED JAPANESE DIPLOMAT THAT LIFE IN SAIGON MARKED BY RUMORS, UNCERTAINTY, UNEMPLOYMENT, FLORISHING BLACK MARKET, BUT PEOPLE STILL LIVING, NO ONE STARVING. RECENT UPRISINGS CENTER ON HOA HAO, MONTAGNARD AREAS. POLITICAL PROBLEM DEVELOPED IN NVN AS RESIDENTS REALIZED THAT SVIETS NOT SUFFERING TO EXTENT WARTIME PROPAGANDA CLAIMED. AUTHORITIES USING EMPLOYMENT TO FORCE REDUCTION IN SAIGON POPULATION, ENCOURAGE MIGRATION

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TO COUNTRYSIDE.

4. KOREA

OPPENHEIMER (WSTAR 2/20) SAYS FBI INVESTIGATING ALLEGED "PATTERN OF PAYMENTS" MADE INFLUENCE CONDUCT "TWO OR MORE" CONGRESSMEN IN INTEREST ROKG, ACCORDING 'INFORMED SOURCES.'" NOTES REPS ADDAB00 (NY), LEGGETT (CALIF), ROK EMBASSY DCM CHOONG W. KOO, LAST WEEK DENIED ANY WRONG-DOING.

ANDERSON/WITTEN (WP) CITE SECRET PENTAGON DOCUMENTS THAT SHOW NK, LIKE CU0A, PRODUCES MIL AID, TRAINS THIRD-WORLD CLIENTS HANDLE SOPHISTICATED SOV WEAPONRY. SAY NK SENT 75-MAN MISSION TRAIN SYRIAN PILOTS FOR ACTION AGAINST ISRAEL, "DEPARTED SYRIA LATE 1975." SOME ARMS TRACED FROM SYRIA TO PLO. CITES SUSPICION SOV USING CUBA, NK DISTRIBUTE ARMS THIRD-WORLD COUNTRIES THAT PREFER PLAY DOWN MOSCOW CONNECTION. STATE NKOREANS SOLD, GRANTED OVER 44 MILLION DOLS WORTH ARMS BURUNDI, EGYPT, MOZAMBIQ'E, PAKISTAN, SYRIA, TANZANIA, TOGO, SIERRA LEONE. NOTE 'MOST SURPRISING REVELATION' NK SENT SIX MILLION DOLS ARMS AND 125-MAN TRAINING MISSION EARLY 1975 TO ZAIRE, CONSIDERED PRO-WEST UP TO NOW.

USCG SEIZED ROK FISHING BOAT DONG WON NO. 709 OFF ALA"KA THURSDAY, FOR VIOLATION US CONTIGUOUS FISHING ZONE (AP, WSTAR 2/20).

MAJORIE HYER (WP/22) TELLS HOW WENDY HELANDER THWARTED PARENTS' "DEPROGRAMMING" EFFORTS, SLIPPED AWAY TO REJOIN MOON CULT. PARENTS TRIED PROVE SECT 'BRAINWASHED" DAUGHTER, IN COURT TRIAL LAST AUGUST.

5. PHILIPPINES

AT LEAST 21 KILLED WHEN PASSENGER BUS AMBUSHED 87 MILES NORTH ,AMBOANGA. ATTACK BELIEVED BY MOSLEM RELBES (AP, NYT 2/21).

6. MACAO

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COLONY TO HAVE 17-MAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEM0LY, WITH 5 MEMBERS APPOINTED 0Y PROTUGUESE GOVERNOR, 6 ELECTED BY DIRECT SUFFRAGE, 6 BY INDIRECT (REUTER, SUN 2/21).

7. HONG KONG

SLIGHT EARTH TREMOR SHAKES HK (UPI, CHITRIB).

8. AUSTRALIA

AIRPORTS CLOSED BY 48-HR CONTROLLERS' STRIKE FEB 20
OVER FUTURE OF SICK COLLEAGUE. DECISION ON MAN DUE
-EDS (WP 12/21). USSR CONTRACT FOR 0EEF COSTS INDUSTRY
11.5 MILLION DOLS OVER LAST YEAR SINCE SOVIETS BOUGHT
WHEN PRICES AT EXTREMELY LOW LEVEL (JOC).

9. INDONESIA

OPEC OIL MINISTERS WILL MEET AT JAKARTA MAY 27 TO
DISCUSS OIL PRICES, DIFFERENTIALS, OTHER ISSUES
(UPI, JOC).

10. SEATO

ORGANIZATION ENDS LAST REGIONAL EXERCISE, CIVIC ACTION
PROGRAM FOR MONTH IN PHILS (NYT SPECIAL 2/21).

11. ASEAN

SUHARTO OPENS SUMMIT (REUTER BALI). WP'S GREENWAY
AT BALI GIVES BACKGROUND SUMMIT, SAYS NOT EXPECTED PRODUCE
MORE THAN TREATIES, PROMISES FOR FUTURE COOPERATION.
BELIEVES DISAGREEMENTS, MUTUAL SUSPICIONS BLOCK PROGRESS
TO ORGANIZATION ;ITH POL, ECON MUSCLE, BUT CALLS ATTEMPT
IMPROVE REGIONAL COOPERATION POLITICALLY SIGNIFICANT.
NOTES MEMBERS' ECONOMIES COMPETITIVE, NOT COMPLEMENTARY.
GIVES BACKGROUND DIFFERENCES, SUSPICIONS OF MEETING
CONTRIES, THOUGH THINKS SIMILARITY OF OUTLOOK MAY HELP
ASEAN DEVELOP IN LONG RUN.

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COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

12. INDOCHINA

STLP-D (1/31) DIFFERS WITH AMB MARTIN'S VIEW THAT
SVN FELL DUE SMALL, HIGHLY ORGANIZED PROPAGANDA
EFFORT IN US. ATTRIBUTES POLITICAL PRESSURES
ON CONGRESS TO END AID TO "VOICE OF THE PEOPLE."

13. PHILIPPINES

BROOKE (WP 2/22) REVIEWS TOURIST BOOM, CALLS IT
LAST TOURIST BARGAIN IN SEA. NOTES ABSENCE
LAWLESSNESS. DISCUSSES GOOD BUYS, THINGS SEE
IN MANILA.

14. SEATO

IN ARTICLE ON US INDECISION AND EFFECTS ABROAD, SULZBERGER (NYT 2/21) NOTES SEATO CRUMBLING, OPINES IT WAS ALWAYS DOOMED TO DO SO.

15. CHINA

JUNE SHAPLEN IN BGLOBE REPORTS SPLIT IN THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE CP AS MENTIONED BY PEOPLE'S DAILY AND RADIO BROADCASTS. NOTE STATEMENT BY SHANGHAI STUDENTS ATTACKING RIGHTISTS AND NOTES TENG PROBABLY IN TROUBLE. HUA APPOINTMENT PROBABLY PRODUCT OF AN UNEASY COMPROMISE. NOTES DOMESTIC ISSUE IS PACE OF INDUSTRIALIZATION BUT STILL POSSIBLE THAT RELATIONS WITH US MAY BE ONE ISSUE.

NYT (2/22) SAYS CLIMAX IN CHINA'S INTERNATIONAL STRUGGLE APPEARS TO BE NEAR. HUMILITY AND CAUTION NEEDED BY WEST IN ATTEMPTING TO ANALYZE EVENTS IN CHINA. MODERATES STILL HAVE SOME POWER AND CAN MAKE COMEBACK. LEFTISTS, HOWEVER, ON OFFENSIVE.

WP (2/21) LABELS NIXON PRC VISIT SENTIMENTAL, INNOCUOUS UNCLASSIFIED

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ON SURFACE, BUT UNDERNEATH "PIECE OF PURE DIPLOMATIC AND POLITICAL MISCHIEF-MAKING, HALF EGO TRIP AND HALF KOWTOW." DIPLOMATICALLY, TRIP CAN ONLY DEEPEN INCREDIBLE, ALMOST ALARMING MISCONCEPTIONS THAT APPARENTLY LED CHINESE TO THINK THAT BY INVITING FORMER PRES THEY COULD SOMEHOW MANIPULATE US SYSTEM, PERHAPS MAKE US POLICY MORE OVERTLY PRO-CHINESE, ANTI-SOVIET.

SUN (2/22) SAYS PEKING INCREASINGLY SEEMS BENT ON USING NIXON VISIT FOR DIPLOMATIC ADVANTAGE, AND THIS WOULD DESERVE SAME RESPONSE AS US ATTEMPT USE LIU SHAO-CHI. NOTING HAK "HAS, INEVITABLY," REVERSED ADMIN VOW NOT RECEIVE OFFICIAL REPORT FROM NIXON PARTY, SAYS SUCH REPORT CAN DO LITTLE FOR NIXON, BUT MAY AFFORD US USEFUL FIRSTHAND ACCOUNT PRC'S EMERGING POST-CHOU LEADERSHIP.

CSM CITES HAK STATEMENT THAT ADMIN WILL RECEIVE NIXON REPORT ON TRIP. ASSERTS THIS SOMETHING NOT REQUESTED FROM AVERAGE PRIVATE CITIZEN, CAN ONLY BE HOPED PRES' ORIGINAL EFFORTS KEEP NIXON TRIP TOTALLY UNOFFICIAL WILL PREVAIL. ADMIN MUST RESIST BEING MANEUVERED INTO RELYING, OR SEEMING TO, ON NIXON FOR ANALYSIS CURRENT PRC POLITICAL UPHEAVAL OR FOR CARRYING AMBASSADOR-STYLE MESSAGES TO US. MAINTAINS SITUATION UNDERLINES

IMPORTANCE FORD'S MOVING SWIFTLY TO FILL USLO TOP SLOT.

GLOBE'S NOLAN (2/22) OBSERVES NIXON IS NOT YET ISSUE
IN 1976 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN--"BUT HE'S TRYING HARD
TO BE. AFTER ALL, 800 MILLION CHINESE CAN'T BE WRONG."

IN MANCHESTER (NH) FRIDAY, REAGAN SAID HE AGREED WITH
FORD'S ASSESSMENT OF NIXON TRIP AS MERELY ONE BY PRIVATE
CITIZEN. DECLARED, "IF HE WANTS TO GO TO PEKING, I'VE
GOT NO OBJECTION. I BELIEVE IN INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM"
(WP, SUN).

WSTAR'S GERMOND/DICKENSON (2/22), IN CONCORD, NH, SAY
PRES' POLITICAL MANAGERS "ARE WATCHING WITH FEAR AND
TREMBLING" POTENTIAL POLITICAL IMPACT OF TV NEWS ACCOUNTS
OF NIXON PRC TRIP ON EVE NH PRIMARY. CONTEND THERE'S
REASON TO BE CONCERNED, SINCE ONE PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY
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TAKEN IN NH AFTER NIXON JOURNEY ANNOUNCED FOUND 5 PCT OF
THOSE SUPPORTING REAGAN MENTIONED FORD'S PARDONING NIXON
AS ONE REASON. ADD THAT HOSTILITY TOWARD NIXON IN FORD
OPERATION ALSO BEING FANNED BY FREQUENT, AUTHORITATIVE
REPORTS NIXON HAS STILL NOT GIVEN UP ON NOTION OF MAKING
CONNALLY GOP PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE.

CSM'S SCHMIDT SAYS NIXON'S PRC TRIP RAISES DELICATE
PROBLEMS FOR FORD, IN US AND IN CONDUCT FOREIGN AFFAIRS.
SAYS WASHINGTON WAITING SEE HOW PRES WILL HANDLE NEXT
CRUCIAL STAGE OF NIXON AFFAIR:PROCESS OF FINDING OUT FROM
HIM IMPRESSIONS ABOUT HUA KUO-FENG AND POWER STRUGGLE
NOW UNDERWAY. SAYS FORD MUST ALSO FACE IMPLICATIONS OF
PEKING INVITATION TO NIXON, AS CITY GOES OUT OF ITS WAY
TO TREAT FORMER PRES LIKE INCUMBENT HEAD OF STATE.

WITH SCHMIDT, NYT'S NAUGHTON (2/21) CITES TRACE OF
ASPERITY IN FORD'S KEENE (NH) COMMENT THAT NIXON
"OBVIOUSLY RESIGNED IN DISGRACE., BUT SAYS IF REMARK
DESIGNED INDICATE FORD'S IRRITATION OVER NIXON PRC TRIP
AND DESIRE DISASSOCIATE HIMSELF FROM NIXON, WAS FAR FROM
CLEAR PRES SUCCEEDED, SINCE THREE SUBSEQUENT QUESTIONS
AMONG 19 ASKED HIM IF NIXON VISIT DID NOT PORTEND
DETERIORATION SINO-US RELATIONS. ADDS THAT NIXON'S
JOURNEY POSES FOREIGN POLICY IMPLICATIONS, NOT LEAST
BEING THAT AS FORD DEFENDING DETENTE AGAINST REAGAN
CRITICISM, HE IS TAKING ARMS-LENGTH ATTITUDE TOWARD
NIXON, WHO MAY RETURN WITH MOST AUTHORITATIVE READING
OF PRC LEADERSHIP STRUGGLE.

NYT'S BUTTERFIELD (HK) NOTES NIXON'S IMPLICIT CRITICISM
OF FORD/HAK FOR TAKING PART IN HELSINKI TALKS ECHOED
ONE OF PEKING'S MOST FERVENT ATTITUDES, WAS ONE OF

STRONGEST EXPRESSIONS SUPPORT CHINESE HAVE RECEIVED, AND SEEMS REPAY THEM AMPLY FOR THEIR GENEROSITY IN INVITING NIXON.

SUN'S ISAACS (2/21) SAYS FORD MAY GRUMBLE ABOUT IT, MANY ORDINARY AMERICANS MAY FIND IT UNSEEMLY, BUT NIXON'S PRC VISIT WILL PROVIDE DIVIDEND IN CLUES TO DIPLOMATS, SCHOLARS, JOURNALISTS WHO SPEND TIME TRYING DISCERN UNCLASSIFIED

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PEKING POLITICS. SUGGESTS, AT SAME TIME, VISIT MAY DO NOTHING TO SOLVE MYSTERY WHY CHINESE INVITED DISGRACED EX-PRES AT TIME WHEN TRIP SEEMED LIKELY PRODUCE MINIMUM POSSIBLE EMBARRASSMENT TO FORD.

TO BRADSHER (WSTAR 2/20), BY NATURE OF CHINESE POLITICS, NIXON NOT LIKELY LEARN MUCH ABOUT CURRENT PEKING POLITICAL EVENTS. CHINESE DO NOT DISCUSS SUCH EVENTS WITH FOREIGNERS BEFORE READY EXPLAIN THEM AT HOME, AND SO FAR THEY HAVE NOT DONE SO.

HARRIS SURVEY (PHINQ) SAYS WHATEVER FORD'S FATE IN NH PRIMARY, HE MUST GENERATE MORE CONFIDENCE IN HIS FOREIGN POLICY PROGRAMS TO IMPROVE RE-ELECTION CHANCES. FINDS THAT DESPITE PRES' DECEMBER TRIP TO PEKING, AMERICANS POLLED GIVE HIM NEGATIVE RATING OF 50 (AGAINST 39) PCT ON HIS HANDLING RELATIONS WITH PRC--AND CHANCES ARE THIS RATING WILL NOT BE IMPROVED BY NIXON TRIP PEKING.

KRAFT (WP 2/22) SAYS UNDER FORD, MOMENTUM US QUASI-ALLIANCE WITH PRC HAS BEEN SLOWED. BUT THIS MORE THAN MATCHED IN MORE SOLID TIES WITH JAPAN, WE.

OLIPHANT (WSTAR 2/22) DEPICTS NIXON EMBRACING MAO PLANESIDE IN PEKING -- "TOGETHER AGAIN - THE SUNSHINE BOYS"

RICHMOND NEWS LEADER'S MACNELLY (WP) DRAWS PLA-GARBED MAO, NIXON, ON GREAT WALL. MAO SAYS "I KNOW YOU'VE ALL BEEN WONDERING (A) WHEN WILL RICHARD NIXON STAGE ANOTHER COMEBACK? (B) WHAT'S HE REALLY DOING IN CHINA?" NIXON HAS LEFT HAND RAISED IN "VICTORY SIGN".

INTERLANDI (LAT 2/20) BUST OF NIXON, IN CHINESE CAP, CAPTIONED "HE HAS TOO MANY LICE TO FEEL AN ITCH. - CHINESE PROVERB".

CSM'S PELLEY PORTRAYS NIXON BEING HAND-SCRUBBED IN TUB BY MAO, AT LAUNDRY THAT BOASTS: "NOT AFFILIATED WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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RUSSIAN REACTIONARY MECHANIZED COMMUNIST LAUNDRIES."

EVE MERRIMAN (NYT 2/21) AUTHOR OF "INNER CITY MOTHER GOOSE," PARODIES ONE OF THEM -- "RICHARD M. NIXON SAT HIGH ON THE WALL, DRAPED IN MAO TIES AND LINCOLNESQUE SHAWL, BALANCED CHOPSTICKS, HEADLINES AND ALL, WHILE GERALD R. FORD MAY HAVE A GREAT FALL."

BURCK (CHI SUN TIMES 2/18) PANEL HAS "WELCOME NIXON, SIGN, PORTRAITS OF MAO, NIXON, ON CHINESE TEMPLE, OVER WHICH FLY FLAGS OF PRC, AND US, IN WHICH FIELD OF STARS REPLACED BY TAPE REEL. NO CAPTION.

16. KOREA

JOAN TREADWAY (NEW ORLEANS TIME-PICAYUNE 2/6) REPORTS (2/5) SPEECH BY ROK UN AMB BYUNG KI HAN, TO 50 LOCAL BUSINESSMEN AT PLIMSOLL CLUB, URGING US HALT TREND TOWARD NON-INVOLVEMENT IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS, FOR AMERICA'S OWN SAKE, AND SAKE OF OTHER FRIENDLY COUNTRIES.

HALLORAN (NYT 2/22) IN TOKYO NOTES REAPPEARANCE EARLY THIS MONTH OF KIM IL-SUNG, TO HELP CELEBRATE 28TH ANNIVERSARY OF ARMY FEB 7. SAYS KCNA REPORTED TWO APPEARANCES FULLY, SUGGESTED KIM IN GOOD HEALTH, AND ENERGETIC. REVIEWS RUMORS KIM SUFFERS MALIGNANT TUMOR OF NECK. NOTES UNEASY PUZZLEMENT OF ASIAN, WESTERN ANALYSTS CAUSED WHEN KIM NAMED SON KIM JONG-IL POLITICAL HEIR-APPARENT-- THEY SPECULATE MOVE GENERATED POTENTIAL FOR FRICTION BETWEEN SON AND GOVT TECHNICIANS, OFFICIALS WHO RUN DAILY AFFAIRS OF NATION; ALSO FEAR SON MAY BE MORE RIGID, LESS INFORMED ABOUT OUTSIDE WORLD THAN FATHER, THUS PRONE

MISCALCULATION. REVIEWS WHAT LITTLE KNOWN OF SON INCLUDING REPORT SPENT YEAR AT EGERMAN AIR FORCE ACADEMY.

17. JAPAN

ANDREW MALCOLM (NYT SPECIAL) IN KAWASAKI DESCRIBES WORSENING RECESSION-INDUCED UNEMPLOYMENT AS FRUSTRATING NEW PHENOMENON THAT SERIOUSLY JEOPARDIZES SACRED NATL UNCLASSIFIED

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BELIEF IN RIGHT TO LIFETIME EMPLOYMENT. NOTES ECONOMISTS ADVISE DOUBLING, OR TRIPLING, OFFICIAL UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURE 1,050,000 FOR REALISTIC COMPARISON WITH WESTERN NATIONS, BECAUSE HIGH NUMBER EMPLOYEES "VOLUNTARILY RETIRE" TO EASE BURDEN ON FINANCIALLY TROUBLED FIRMS, THUS NOT INCLUDED STATISTICS. CITES ECONOMISTS, BUSINESS LEADERS WHO HAVE BEGUN WARN OF "SOCIAL UNREST" IF UNEMPLOYMENT CONTINUES. INGERSOLL

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